The Appointment of an Unemployment Committee.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—In view of the attitude explained by the Member in charge of the Education Department, I don't know whether the mover has any objection to withdraw the resolution.

President.—The position of the Government is that the question may be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Exactly, Sir. We want to know whether the mover has any objection to withdraw.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Personally, I have no objection. I feel that this question should be given very important attention and consideration. If I am permitted to say, out of the Economic Development Committee, 4 or 5 members may be selected to give their undivided attention to this problem. This will be much better.

President.—What is the number that we have now?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It seems to me that it would not be feasible to appoint a separate committee, because this question of unemployment is intimately connected with the development of the resources of the State.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We don't want a separate committee.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The question of economic deleopment is a much bigger thing which includes the provision for employment. So there would be no satisfactory consideration of the question of unemployment without going into the whole question of economic development. We have got to see how far the resources of the State can be made to give so that all the population of the State may be provided with suitable means of living so it becomes an absolute necessity to develop the resources of the State. That is the prime duty that has to be attended to and then it follows as a consequence that the people of our State will thereafter become prosperous. I do not think that a separate committee or a sub-committe is necessary to consider this. That would not be a feasible proposition.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sub-committees should not be formed.

President.—What appears to me to be proper is that some of the members of the committee may specially study this question. Others need not take part in it. They may also be members of the committee. But then there may be an understanding that a few amongst them may specially consider this question.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—If this consists of some sort of terms like this-that specipal attention must be given

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to the unemployment problem—I think the committe is bound to tackle the problem.

President.—All the subjects referred to the committee are equally important. Why should we say one is more important than the other? I don't know whether it is desirable to have a separate committee for these things.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I have not asked for a separate committee. The only thing is the importance of the subject should be specially noted. In view of the discussion that has taken place members should realize the importance of the subject.

President.—Of course I think it is specially important. Everywhere there is this unemployment problem and a satisfactory solution of the problem is essential.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the assurance given by the Government that proper attention will be given to the subject I withdraw my resolution with the leave of the Council.

President.—All that you require, Mr. Mathew, is that this should be treated as an important subject for investigation. All right. That can be done.

The resolution was allowed to be withdrawn with the leave of the Council.

President.—The present sitting being over, I wish to bring the proceedings to a close, but before doing so, I may say a few words before proroguing this session.

You are aware that this is the 3rd sitting, as I said, of the first session of the Legislative Council of this year, and in this session we had 3 sittings at reasonable intervals comprising 5 days at each sitting, the total number of days we sat being 15 days. On examining the work done during this session, I think we have reason to note that it is a satisfactory record. 471 questions were answered in all in this session, and it is worthy of note that, in connection with many questions, there were many sub-divisions for which answers had to be furnished, and the same has been done. Besides, statistical information has also been furnished, as the numerous appendices attached to the question and answer papers will show.

We had, for consideration, 11 Bills in all. Of these, 6 were got through to the final stage, and they were the Cochin Electricity Bill, the Cochin Cinematograph Bill, the Cochin Cattle Trespass Amendment Bill, the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, the Cochin Chief Court Amendment Bill, and the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill moved by Mr. Eachara Menon. Two Bills were referred to the Select Committee, and they are the Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill by Mr. Ikkanda Wariar, and the Nambudiri Kudumba Bill. One Bill was rejected by the Council, and that is the Cochin

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Old Age and Widows' Relief Bill. On account of a certain technical error, the Nambudiri Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill was not taken up for consideration, and for the other, the last in the list—Bill-No. 11, the Cochin Land Registration Amendment Bill—leave has been given to the member to-introduce the Bill. So, so far as the work in regard to these bills is concerned, we have got through them all, and I think it is satisfactory work.

So far as the resolutions are concerned, there were a good many tabled for discussion, but since these resolutions are taken up last, we were not able to find time to get through these resolutions as we desired. As I pointed out in my opening statement it is not easy to control the discussion on these resolutions. Many points have to be referred to, and the discussion is likely to take a long time. Nevertheless, we have succeeded in getting through as many as 15 resolutions. I remember that one resolution which was taken up for discussion was closed only on Thursday last. On looking into the list of resolutions discussed, we find a good number dealing with important subjects. Two resolutions that were not accepted by the Council are these—one in regard to having a separate Council Hall and the other that Malayalam should be the medium of all proceedings. I find 5 resolutions were carried by the Council. They were the appointment of non-official members on committees appointed by Government, the introduction or the establishment of a Central Ayurvedic Hospital, the transport of Alwaye water to Mattancheri, the resolution about the Cosmopolitan Hostel as amended, and the resolution that in regard to the making of suitable provision in the budget for irrigation works, a committee should be appointed. The remaining resolutions were either withdrawn or not put to the vote.

I do not think it possible for us to do any more work than we have been able to do during the 15 days of this session. And in proroguing the Council, I only wish to state that I heartily acknowledge the cordial co-operation and the great consideration shown to me in my conduct of the Chair. I note that occasions had arisen where the decision of the points of order was not easy, and I am able to give expression here that the members, by their co-operation, helped me considerably in arriving at satisfactory conclusions. So far, I may say, we have been able to get on in a spirit of hearty co-operation (*Hear, Hear*) and good will, and we may look forward to many years of such useful work in this Council in the same spirit of co-operation and good-will. With these few remarks, I prorogue the Council.

The House dispersed at 2-42 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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